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1. On 9 June 1954, a conference of the SED Bezirk secretariat was held in East Berlin. At this conference, it was announced that, by order of the SED Central Committee, all possible efforts were to be made to win over the delegates to the SPD party congress scheduled in West Berlin from 20 to 24 July 1954. These efforts were to be directed toward an active peace policy and an intensified fight for increased social security. At the conference, SED Bezirk secretary Alfred Neumann is said to have stated that all efforts of the American-sponsored wing of the SPD to obtain a majority in the policy-making committees of the SPD must be stopped. Neumann furthermore said that those circles of the SPD which favor cooperation with the SED had a very good chance. The present situation demanded that the SED meet the SPD halfway and, for the time being, get up with less radical and decided views held by some SPD leaders such as Ellenburger concerning EEC and the reunification of Germany. The final goal, according to Neumann, was to induce the SPD to join with the SED for a ban on A and H bombs and an independent workers' policy in favor of peace, national unity, and democracy.

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